

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A fitment for attachment to an aspirant collection bag comprising:

an elongated connector connected to a pump cartridge providing a conduit for aspirant to flow from [a] the pump cartridge to an interior of the collection bag;

the connector having opposing ends wherein a first end is structured for attachment to the pump cartridge and a second end [for positioning] positioned within the interior of the collection bag is structured to form at least one notch in the second end of the connector; and

wherein the notch acts to prevent the collection bag from sealing off the conduit during surgery so that a sufficient amount of air will remain within the bag to allow a surgeon to air-vent an aspiration path during surgery.
- 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The invention of claim 1, wherein the fitment and the collection bag are heat-sealed together, such that [so] no adhesive is required to form a liquid-tight seal between the bag and the fitment.
- 3. (ORIGINAL)** The invention of claim 2, wherein a sealing-ring is formed between the opposing ends for providing a surface to seal the bag to the fitment.
- 4. (ORIGINAL)** The invention of claim 1, wherein the second end includes two notches formed in opposing sides of the second end.